1	2	3
12	Andhra Pradesh	36.6
13	Arunachal Pradesh	36.9
14	Uttaranchal	38.0
15	Tripura	39.0
16	Maharashtra	39.7
17	Assam	40.4
18	Karnataka	41.1
19	Haryana	41.9
20	West Bengal	43.5
21	Orissa	44.0
22	Rajasthan	44.0
23	Meghalaya	46.3
24	Uttar Pradesh	47.3
25	Gujarat	47.4
26	Chhattisgarh	52.1
27	Bihar	58.4
28	Jharkhand	59.3
29	Madhya Pradesh	60.3
	INDIA:	45.9

Destitute homes

892. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of destitute homes functioning throughout the country;

(b) the welfare schemes launched for the welfare of the destitutes;

(c) whether it is proposed to grant any maintenance allowance to the destitute women; and

(d) the details of schemes launched for the health-care and the education of children of destitute women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The details of homes for destitute children, functioning under the schemes, A Program for Juvenile Justice and Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to Promote In-Country

Adoption' being implemented by this Ministry are available in the Ministry's web-site at *www.wcd.nic.in* and the web-site of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) at *www.cara.nic.in.* The details of Swadhar Shelter Homes under the Swadhar Scheme also being implemented by this Ministry for providing holistic and integrated services to women in difficult circumstances are also available in this Ministry's website.

The details of old age homes under the scheme 'An Integrated Programme on Older Person' is available in the web-site of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment website at *www.socialjustice.nic.in.*

(b) No new scheme has been launched recently. However, Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing following schemes for the welfare of destitute children and women:

(i) A Program for Juvenile Justice;

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children;

(iii) Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to Promote In-Country Adoption;

(iv) Swadhar.

Moreover, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are also implementing a scheme for older persons namely 'An Integrated Programme on Older Person' for running old age homes, which caters to destitutes above 60 years, among other beneficiaries.

(c) The package of services made available under the Swadhar scheme include provision for pocket money, food, clothing, shelter, health care counseling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation skill up gradation and behavioural training.

(d) There is no specific scheme for the health care and the education of the Children of destitute women.

Livelihood of widows at holy cities

†893. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of extremely poor widows in many cities like Kashi, Mathura, Prayag, etc. are making their both ends meet by singing devotional songs and begging;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan for identification of such widows and providing them some assistance, to make their life worth living;

(c) if so, the road-map thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.